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April 14, 2004

Margaret Chu, Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Request for a Briefing for State of Nevada Agencies on the Notice of Intent to Prepare and Environmental Impact Statement for the Alignment, Construction, and Operation of a Rail Spur to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Ms. Chu:

I am writing to request that the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Repository Development conduct a briefing for State of Nevada agencies on the April 8, 2004 Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for a rail spur to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository and that such a briefing take place on either May 6th or 7th, 2004 in Carson City.

As you are aware, numerous State agencies have roles and responsibilities related to the evaluation, construction and operation of the proposed Caliente rail spur. Such a briefing would afford agencies the opportunity to interact with DOE project personnel and provide a solid foundation for the comments they will provide on the NOI and scope of the proposed EIS.

Thanks you for your immediate attention to this matter. If you agree to conduct the requested briefing, my office will arrange for meeting space here in Carson City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert R. Loux".

Robert R. Loux
Executive Director

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Governor Guinn

Robin Sweeney, DOE Office of National Transportation